ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Etowah Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH,

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, AND 14, 1893.

OFFICERS.

ELDER H. R. CULBERTSON, Moderator.....Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
R. R. YEATS, Clerk.....Gadsden, Ala.
J. R. NOWLIN, Treasurer.....Gadsden, Ala.

The next session to be held with Antioch Church, St. Clair County, Ala., commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1895

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from churches.
2. Election of officers.
3. Inviting visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Appoint correspondence.
8. Report of standing committees. (Committees may report at any time when the time is not occupied.)
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Call roll, and read the minutes.
11. Fix order of printing and distributing minutes.
12. Adjournment.

MINUTES

Of the Eleventh annual meeting of the Etowah Baptist Association held with Fairview Church October 12, 13 and 14, 1894.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. R. McClung: text, Romans tenth chapter and 2nd verse.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

Elder H. R. Culbertson called Association to order, read 103 Psalm after which the Association was lead in Prayer by Elder J. V. Dickinson, R. R. Yates acting clerk.

Appointed J. R. Nowlin and R. W. Brock to read letters. Enrolled delegates as follows:

ANTIOCH—W. M. Shaw.

ATTALLA—S. P. Bearden, George Swan and B. F. Sitz.

BETHANY—R. W. Brock, J. W. Gilliland and T. W. Steel.

BRISTOE'S CREEK—J. S. Brasseale and J. M. Winn.

CAVE SPRINGS—J. W. Winkels and J. W. Ellis.

EAST GADSDEN—C. Harris and D. N. Jelks.

FAIRVIEW—H. M. Sauls, W. C. Smith, F. M. Sauls and J. P. Maise.

GADSDEN—J. R. Nowlin, A. E. Paschal, J. H. Holcombe, J. V. Dickinson, D. P. Goodhue, Geo. D. Motley and H. H. Danghdrill.

GREENWOOD—R. J. Wamac, H. B. Hawkins and B. C. Campbell.

LIBERTY COOSA—H. R. Culberson J. N. Belton, W. L. Culbertson and W. W. Wester.

MACEDONIA—A. B. McKinnon and W. R. League

MT. ARARAT—G. M. Sims.

MT. CARMEL—J. L. Jones, J. R. Lefoy, Robt. Lancaster, J. F. Pittman, J. H. Sitz, J. E. Lancaster and J. R. Jenkins.

NEW HARMONY—C. W. C. Tucker, J. F. Tucker, J. W. Tingle and W. H. Tucker.

PILGRIMS REST—W. P. Archer, J. M. Gray, N. E. Lister, W. F. Moore and G. H. Myrick.

PLEASANT HILL—J. M. Mayo and H. D. Mixon.

PLEASANT VALLEY—R. W. Reed and L. F. Burges.

UNION No. 1—Levi Stephens, O. Q. Norton, J. B. Brown and J. B. Harber.

UNION No. 2—W. A. Culbertson.

WALNUT GROVE—S. R. McClung and J. D. Pettit.

WHITE'S CHAPPEL—E. W. Braddy and J. P. Stephens.

WHITE'S SPRINGS—R. R. Yeats and J. H. Boman.

Appointed Brother J. V. Dickinson and A. W. McGaha to take the vote for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Re elected Elder H. R. Culbertson Moderator, R. R. Yeats Clerk, and J. R. Nowlin Treasurer.

Invited visiting brethren and ministers to seats with us. Received Brother A. W. McGaha, D. D., as President of Howard College and as a visiting minister.

On motion appointed J. R. Nowlin, Levi Stephens and J. M. Branden committee to report on deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Appointed committee on Devotional Exercises as follows: J. L. Jones, S. P. Beardin and W. A. Culbertson with Pastor and Deacons of the Church

Appointed Geo. D. Motley, O. Q. Norton and W. P. Archer committee on Finance.

Appointed committee on Statistics as follows: W. L. Culbertson, A. E. Paschal and B. F. Sitz.

Appointed the following committee on Digest of Letters and State of Churches: J. V. Dickinson, W. L. Culbertson and J. R. Nowlin.

Agreed to make 10 o'clock tomorrow a special hour for hearing read and discussing report on Education.

Agreed to meet at 8:30 for devotional exercises.

Regular session at 9:00. Adjourned at 12:00.

Convene at 1.30 and adjourned at 4 p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by A. W. McGaha, D. D.

SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order. Read and adopted minutes of preceeding day. Filled vacancies in committees as follows:

State Mission—J. H. Holcombe and J. N Belton.
Foreign Missions—J. R. Nowlin.
Temperance—S. R. McClung.
Family Religion—J D. Petit.
Religious Literature—W. W. Wester.
Sabbath School—W. L. Culbertson, A. E. Paschal and W. C. Smith.

On motion committee on Temperance was ordered to prepare and read report just before the deliverv of Temperance sermon.

Filled vacancy in Executive Committee, so as to make the committee as follows: J. R. Nowlin, W. H. Boozer and I. T. Stephens.

On motion consolidated committee on Time and Place and Nomination.

On motion W. L. Culbertson read report on Home Missions which was discussed by D. P. Goodhue, J. D. Pettit, J. M. Belton, Geo. D. Motley and A. E. Paschal.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Amounts received and expended by the Home Mission Board from May 1, 1894 to May 1, 1894.

MISSIONS.		CHURCH BUILDING.	
Alabama	600.00	District of Columbia	$10,000.00
Arkansas	2,815.15	Florida	9 750.00
Cuba	3,060.75	Indian Territory	1,200.60
District of Columbia	2,925.62	Mississippi	4 500.00
Florida	10,160.98	North Carolina	3,290.00
Georgia	1,000.00	Oklahoma	450.00
Mississippi	3,8 3.00	Texas	19 539 90
Louisiana	5 824.22	Western Ark. and Ind. Ter	2,605.00
Tennessee	2,000.00	Western North Carolina	2,000.00
Texas	18,072.63		
Western Ark. and Ind. Ter	2,252.40	Total	$52,734.90
Western North Car. and Ky	1 060.00		
Total	$54.809 83		
Grand Total			$107,544.1

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Missionaries	318	Weeks of Labor	16,280
Churches and Stations	1,229	Sermons and Addresses	34,024
Prayer Meetings	3,917	Baptisms	4,470
Received by letter	4,039	Total Additions	8,509
Sunday Schools organized	429	Teachers and pupils	19,381
Churches Constituted	133	Houses of worship built	67
Religious visits	52,197	Bibles and Testaments distributed	1,150
Tracts distributed	390,756		

W. L. CULBERTSON, Chairman Com.

D. P. Goodhue read report on Education, which was discussed by A. W. McGaha, D. D., who made a strong plea for ministerial Education. The following brethren and churches agreed to pay the amounts set opposit heir respective names:

Gadsden Church	$50.00	Massadonia Church	$ 5.00
W. M. Shaw, from Antioch	5.00	Et. Carmel Church	20.00
Attalla	20.00	C. W. C. Tucker, New Harmony Ch.	1.00
J. M. Winn, Bristoes Creek	5.00	Pilgrims Rest Church	5.00
Fairview Church	5.00	Union No. 1 Church	3.00
Liberty Coosa Church	20.00		
S. R. McClung, Walnut Grove, Two bu. of potatoes		Total	$139.90

The receipts of the Board have been less than was anticipated at the beginning of the year. This diminution, with the increase of its work, has resulted in an indebtedness of about $6,500.00.

On motion the Associrtion took a 10 minutes recess.

S. R. McClung read report on Temperance, after which Elder Wester preached an excellent sermon on the subject of Temperance, taking as a text the 12th verse of the 13th chapter of Romans.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance make the following report: We are glad the cause of Temperance is gaining ground and that many of our fellowmen who have been intemperate in practice and association have seen the evil of intemperance, have ceased to keep company with evil doers, and have joined company with those who believe in Temperance. We are pained to say there is yet some of our brethren who being the light of the world do not see the importance of them being temperate in all things. We hope the time will soon come when the professors in Christ will open their eyes fully to the importance of being strictly temperate in all things, and touch not, taste not, handle not all that which tends to evil and intemperance.

S. R. MCCLUNG, Chairman Com.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The sooner the fact that there is, as there has ever been, a great, well organized, determined and crafty enemy to the true uplifting of the human race by any upbuilding agencies actively at work upon the earth, the better for the human family and the cause of Christ. This enemy to the human race often disguised in sheeps clothing, claiming to be an advocate of all uplifting agencies, but excluding from the agencies the Bible, by its craftiness is deceiving the very elect. We, the churches and members of this Etowah Association are being lulled into inactivity and misplead, and it behooves us to consider with the utmost caution any agencies which we may approve and use in the effort to advance which should, and does lie nearest to the heart of the Baptist of this Association, the cause of Christ. No agency other than the preaching the Gospel and all direct work of the churches in the teaching and spread of the Gospel, is more powerful in the moulding and ennobling of human character than educating influences of our common schools, colleges and universities, and since many of these schools exclude from their curiculum the Bible, the greatest and most important text book ever published, and these, though

so craftily done, cast a stigma upon the Bible. It behooves us to see to it that we do not encourage by our patronage and friendship or indifference thus disguised enemies to the human soul.

There is no safety or wisdom in any Baptist patronizing institutions of learning other than those under the control of Baptist influence where the Bible and its teachings in their purity is in no sense excluded

D. P. Goodlue,
W. W. Wester,
Committee

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Moderator called Association to order and joined in prayer, led by D. P. Goodlue. On motion heard reading of letter from Mt. Ararat Church. Appointed committee on Time and Place and Nominations as follows J. B. Brown, J. W. Gilliland and W. A. Culbertson.

Adopted report on Temperance. Report on Education was adopted. On motion read reports on State and Foreign Missions, which was discussed by Elder J. V. Dickinson, J. N. Belton, A. W McGaha, D. D., H. R. Culbertson, S. R. McClung and A. E. Paschal, after which reports were adopted

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee, not having any access to the statistics of the Board is unable to report as to the general work, We find by examination of the letters that only two of our churches have contributed specifically to this work. Attalla reporting $15.67 and Union No. 2, 85 cents, making a total of $16.52. This amount will be slightly increased by the proportionate part of the few contributions to mission in general which may be alotted to state missions. Your committee beg to say that we ought to, and can do better if our pastors will give their attention to this matter. We recommend that the pastors preach special sermons to their churches to be followed by a collection for this purpose some time during the coming Associational year.

J. H. Holcombe, Chairman Com.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign Missio s submit the following report: The statement of our Master in regard to the Samaritans may fitly be applied to the world in the present day. "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields for they are already white to the harvest." In all our Mission fields there is an urgent demand for more workers. This comes as a Macedonian call to us "come over and help us." While the contributions of men and money for this purpose are on the increase yet we feel that they are by no means keeping pace with the demands. Especially we regret to see that the contributions from the churches of our Association are not what they should be and further that many of our churches do not contribute at all. From the statistical report in last years minutes we find that only eight out o twenty-four churches report anything for Foreign Missions. We notice also that the whole Association contributed only $60.00, This amounts to only about $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member. Brethren, is this satisfactory? Is this the highest ambition we have in carrying out the last great command of our Saviour? We can but believe this state of affairs is largely due to the fact that the pastors do not place these matters before their people as they should. We therefore recommend that the pastors study missions, pray for missions, preach missions and give their congregations opportunities to contribute regularly to this purpose. We recommend also that the people study this question in the light of the scripture and of pres[illegible] fac s. That

they pray for Divine guidance and then contribute according to the demands of the situation and as they are moved by the Holy Spirit.

J. N. BELTON, Chairman Com.

On motion of W. L. Culbertson J. N. Belton was substituted to preach the Missionary sermon. On motion it was ordered that the money subscribed for Ministerial Education be used in maintaining Bro. G. E. Jones in school at Hokes Bluff another year and H. R. Culbertson Treasurer of Beneficiary.

On motion committee on Finance reported as will be seen in Financial Exhibit. Report was adopted with the proviso that all money reported undesignated for missions together with the public collection for missions equally divided between the three Boards. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. E. Jones.

THIRD DAY.

Called Association to order. Read and adopted minutes of preceeding day. W. L. Culbertson read report on Time, Place and Nominations which was recommended to the committee. W. W. Wester read report on Religious Literature which was discussed by J. N. Belton and others. W. L. Culbertson offered as motion pending the adoption of the report which was discussed by J. D. Pettit and J. N. Belton and adopted as follows: Motion That we the Etowah Baptist Association endorse and recommend Bro. J. D. Pettit to do the work of colporter and missions in our bounds and we the pastors of the different churches obligate ourselves to co-operate with him. Report on Religious Literature was then adopted.

On motion a standing committee on Associational Misssions was appointed as follows: A. E. Paschal and J. N. Belton.

Adopted report on Time, Place and Nominations as follows:

We your committee on Time, Place and Nominations submit the following:
Time—Friday before the second Sunday in October 1895.
Place—Antioch Church.
To Preach Introductory sermon—J. N. Belton, alternate, W. W. Wester.
Missionary sermon—J. V. Dickinson, alternate, J. D. Pettit.
Temperance sermon—W. L. Culbertson, alternate, W. Y. Adams.

W. A. CULBERTSON,
J. B. BROWN,
J. W. GILLILAND,
Committee

J. R. Nowlin read report on deceased Ministers and Deacons and after the Moderator had made some remarks the report was adopted.

W. L. Culbertson read report on Sabbath Schools which was discussed by W. C. Smith, W. L. Culbertson; R. J. Womac and J. N. Belton.

On motion adjourned to the Arbor to hear the Missionary sermon, which was preached by J. N. Belton. Text, Luke 14th chapter and 23d verse. At the close of the sermon a public cash collection for missions was taken, which resulted in the collection of $11.33.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Received Elder A. S. Brannan from Liberty Association as a visiting brother. Adopted report on Sabbath School. Announced standing committees. Appointed Rev. W. Y. Adams delegate, J. R. Nowlin alternate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Appointed Rev. W. V. Dickinson, D. P. Goodhue, W. L. Culbertson, W. W. Wester, J. D. Pettit, T. H. Stephens, C. T. Starkey, W. M. Shaw and R. R. Yeats delegates to Alabama Baptist State Convention with J. W. Lawrence, M. D., and Elder H. R. Culbertson alternates.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to retain $5 for his services and use the remainder of the money sent up for Minutes in printing minutes On motion Elder A. S. Brannan was accorded the floor to speak in behalf of The Sermonizer.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association is heartily tendered to this church and community for their hospitality in entertaining this Association.

On motion S. R. McClung read Articles of Faith as held by The Georgia State Convention. On motion the articles read were ordered turned over to the Clerk subject to inspection by any member of the Association.

Adopted minuted.

Adjourned.

ELDER H. R. CULBERTSON, MODERATOR.

R. R. YEATS, CLERK.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We notice with regret that there is a disposition in the minds of our people to disparage the religious literature of the present day and to encourage the secular press; by lending their patronage to the immoral details of the society gossip of the present age, thereby lending their aid in filling the minds of the young with unwholesome food. So we recommend to our people the necessity of guarding the character of our young people by placing in their reach the present literature of the age. And especially do we suggest the importance of supporting our own church periodicals thereby aiding our own institutions and spreading the glorious doctrine of our own church. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WESTER, Chairman Com.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

It is the sad duty of your committee to report that two of our aged and most useful brethren have departed this life since the last session of this Association Elder J. A. Reeve, of Union Church No. 1, and Deacon W. B. Wynne of Gadsden. We think it proper for us to pause in the midst of our deliberations and pay a fitting tribute to the memory of these dear brethren whose familiar faces are no longer seen among us, but whose good deeds and shining examples are still fresh in our hearts. Elder J. A. Reeve died in his 80th year, was ordained to the ministry in 1845. Since that time he has been a worthy representative of his church and of the Baptist cause in every deliberative body that met in the bounds of the Association to which he belonged. It was his privilege and high honor to be present and participate in the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention He has been a conspicuous member of Etowah Association from the date of its organization. He was an earnest, faithful preacher of the gospel, a man who loved the souls of dying men, a man

of a fervent spirit and whose prayers were greatly enjoyed by his brethren. After preaching Jesus for nearly a half century this good man has fallen asleep in Jesus We shall greatly miss the smiling face and the hearty amens of this veteran soldier of the cross. But let us commemorate his virtues and emulate his examples. Deacon W. B. Wynne was also one of the Baptist pioneers of this section. He lived to be over 70 years of age. He was early converted to Christ and spent the balance of his days in earnest active work for Christ. Like Stephen he purchased to himself a good degree and great boldness in the faith. He was a man of prayer and did much to alleviate the wants and suffering of the poor. He was a liberal contributor and otherwise largely instrumental in building the house of worship at Gadsden. We commend the Godly life and pure example to every member of this body as worthy of our imitation. Let us lift our hearts in prayer to God for the lives of these good Christian men and as we mourn their loss let us be more faithful and diligent in the discharge of our duties. Let us be up and doing while it is day for the night soon cometh in which no man works.

J. R. Nowlin,
Levi Stephens,
J. N. Beardsn,
Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

It is gratifying to note that nearly every church in the Association has a flourishing Sabbath School. Yet there is a considerable lack of interest upon the part of a great many, especially of the older members. We believe that the time has come when the church cannot efficiently train the children of our denomination without a Sabbath School. Hence its importance. We als orecommend a greater interest in and attendance upon our Sabbath School Conventions.

W. L. CULBERTSON, Chairman Com.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions—J. V. Dickinson and W. Y. Adams.
State Missions—J. D. Pettit and R. R. Yeats.
Home Missions—J. N. Belton and W. C. Smith.
Education—W. L. Culbertson and W. P. Archer.
Sabbath School—W. M. Shaw and J. L. Jones.
Associational Missions—A. E. Paschal and J. N. Belton.

CONSTITUTION.

The name of this Association shall be "The Etowah Baptist Association."

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform such duties and perform them in such a manner as is ordinarily required of such officers. They shall be elected at or near the opening of each annual session of the body.

The membership of the Association shall be such churches as shall see fit and be permitted to represent themselves in its session by delegates.

Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for each twenty-five members o fractional part thereof, but every church shall be entitled to at least two delegates.

The object of this Association shall be the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, not only within its bounds, but throughout the world. It shall aid and encourage by means of its influence those grand institutions and agencies which, in the providence of God, have been established by the wise and good among our brethren for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world, for the distribution of the Bible among those destitute of it, for the education of young men for the work of the ministry, as well as for the cause of education generally; for the promotion of the Sunday School cause, the cause of temperance, etc.

The Asssciation shall employ such means and adopt such measures as shall seem best calculated to cultivate Christian unity and fellowship among the brethren within its bounds, to provoke the brethren to love and do good work, to stir up the pure minds of the brethren by way of remembrance, to secure individual advancement in the divine life, in every way as individuals, to illustrate to the world the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an introductory Sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. The service being performed, the Moderator, or if he is absent, the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence from other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. The messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may, at the direction of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

6. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as property at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

7. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, unless permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

8. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

9. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session, without leave from the Moderator.

10. In order to expedite business, committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

11. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

12. The minutes of each day shall be read at its opening and close of business, after prayer, each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called: and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

13. Any alteration of these By Laws may by made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of members present

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order usually observed by deliberative bodies of this kind shall be observed by this Association.

If any point of order be raised by any member of the body, it shall be decided by the Moderator: but appeal may be taken from his decision to that of the body.

"Mell's Parlimentary Practice" shall be used as authority in regard to questions of order.

ARTICES OF FAITH

There is one and but one God, who is a spirit, omniscient, omnipotent, omipresent, eternal, unchangeable, infinite in goodness and wisdom, of inviolable truth, perfectly just, of immaculate holiness, the Creator of all things, the preserver of all, and the supreme ruler over all.

The Godhead is a Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—three persons in one divine essence.

The son became incarnate, thus uniting in himself the divine and human natures that he might become the mediator between God and man; man's final judge, and by his life, death and resurrection the Redeemer and Saviour of His people.

The Holy Spirit is the sanctifier and comforter of God's people. He is, through the divine word, the author of the new spiritual life produced in man in his regeneration.

The Holy Scriptures were given by divine inspiration as a revelation of God's will to man concerning him, and constitute to him an infallible rule of faith and practice.

Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, were created holy, and for a time served the Creator acceptably, living innocently and happy in His favor; but Adam having been placed under a covenant of works, violated it, and brought the penalty of the violation upon himself and his descendants.

All men partaking of the consequences of the fall, are both totally depraved and guilty of actual transgression of God's laws.

No man can free himself from his native depravity, or from condemnation. No man can save himself. There is no way of salvation but by Jesus Christ.

The Christian sabbath is the first day of the week and should be kept holy: and consecrated to the service and worship of God in obedience to the command. "Re-

member the Sabbath day to keep it holy," nd in commemoration of the rgsurrection on that day of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The ordinances of the Gospel are two—Baptism and the Lord's supper. The Great Head of the church required the perpetual observance of these ordinances by the churches as such and under their authority.

Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water by one duly qualified and authorized to administer the rite. It is prerequisite to church membership.

A Gospel church is a company of baptized believers, organized under the laws of its Great Head, for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world. The officers of the church are its pastors and deacons. Each church is an independent body, subject only to the commands of its Great Head. The work required of the church is missionary in its character. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The Holy Spirit continues the work of sanctification upon those whom He has regenerated to the end of life, and thus saves all who are regenerated from apostacy.

All who will be finally saved were chosen of God the Father before the foundation of the world, and given to Jesus Christ in the covenant of grace; yet all who will be lost will have rejected of their own will a proffered salvation.

The bodies of all who die will be raised from the dead and reunited to their spirits for the judgment of the great day.

In the last day Jesus Christ will come to judge the world, and having assembled all men before him, will pass sentence upon them according to their works.

Heaven is a place to which the righteous will be received, and made perfectly happy in their presence and enjoyment of God forever.

Hell is a place into which the wicked may be cast, to suffer everlasting punishment for their sins.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICERS.

C. T. Starkey	Attalla, Ala.	J. D. Pettit	Walnut Grove, Ala.
F. M. Sauls	Crudup, "	J. V. Dickinson	Gadsden, "
W. W. Wester	Hokes Bluff, "	Jacob Gray	Stanfield, "
H. R. Culbertson	" " "	J. T. Astin	Attalla, "
W. L. Culbertson	" " "	V. H. Dean	Gadsden, "
K. S. Steel	" " "	A. J. West	Hokes Bluff, "
J. R. Trotter	East Gadsden, "	S. R. McClung	Walnut Grove, "
J. N. Belton	Brice, "	B. F. Kirkland	Etowahton, "
W. Y. Adams	Hokes Bluff, "	P. M Archer	Stanfield, "
J. E Smith	Markton, "		

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

W. C. Smith	Brice, Ala.	G. W. Jenkins	Markton, Ala
Abe Thornton	East Gadsden, "	R. D. Huff	Attalla, "
G. E. Jones	Hokes Bluff, "	C. W. C. Tucker	Crudup, "
B. F. Smith	Gadsden, "		

STANDING RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That any member in good standing in a church of this union, who may be present at any Association with whom we correspond, shall be considered as a messenger to the same

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1894.

CHURCHES.	STATE MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	Minutes	Total	Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, Etc.	Value of Buildings and Furniture	Sunday School Expense.
Antioch	$ 1.13	$ 1.13	$ 1.14	$ 1.00	$ 4.40	$	$	$	$ .....
Attalla	15 67	.....	.....	2.05	17.72	167.80	141.90	1,500.	28.50
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	75	75	.....	.....	1,000.	5.09
Bristoe's Creek	.....	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cave Springs	.....	.....	.....	.40	.40	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Gadsden	1.88	1.88	1 89	1.00	6.65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairview	.....	.....	.....	80	80	.....	.....	400.	.....
Gadsden	.....	35.00	134 65	2.40	172.05	1,000.	.....	7,000.	156.27
Greenwood	.....	.....	.....	60	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Coosa	.....	.....	.....	1.25	1.25	83.75	.....	.....	11 50
Macedonia	.....	2.15	2 15	40	4.70	50.00	.....	.....	5 80
Mt. Ararat	.....	.....	52	70	1.22	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel	41	41	43	70	1 95	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Harmony	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....
Pilgrim's Rest	.....	.....	1.50	1.00	2 50	40.00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	.....	40	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley	.....	.....	.....	65	65	40.00	.....	300.00	.....
Union No. 1	.....	.....	3 63	1.25	4.88	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union No. 2	85	.....	.....	40	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Grove	.....	.....	.....	1 15	1.15	.....	.....	.....	.....
White's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	79	79	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Springs	.....	.....	.....	80	80	40.00	.....	400.00	.....
Total	$19.94	$40.57	145.91	$20.49	226.86	146155	141.90	10600.	207.97

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CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Incr's'd by Baptism.	Incr's'd by Letter.	Incr's'd by Experience.	Incr's'd by Restoration.	Decr'se by Letter.	Decr'se by Exclusions.	Decr'se by Erasure	Decr'se by Death.	Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Officers and Teachers.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Pupils.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Superintendent's Name and P. O. Address.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports	Revivals
Antioch	St. Clair	—— Lovell	Q. Steel	Steel's Depot	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	57	....	63	W M Shaw, Steel's Depot	....		
Attalla	Etowah	C. T. Starkey	B. F. Sitz	Attalla	13	3	..	..	9	1	..	..	80	9	114	T L Swanson, Attalla	....		
Bethany	Etowah	H R Culbertson	R. W. Brock	Hill	7	3	7	1	8	..	..	1	108	8	72	R W Brock, Hill	1st		1
Bristoe's Creek	Etowah	S. R. McClung	J. M. Winn	Aurora	7	6	..	1	14	..	..	..	54	....	....	....	....		
Cave Springs	Etowah	J. T. Aston	F. M. Leeth	Buford	..	4	3	..	11	2	..	1	76	....	....	....	2d		1
East Gadsden	Etowah	W. Y. Adams	D. N. Jelks	East Gadsden	23	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	83	....	....	....	....		
Fairview	Etowah	W L Culbertson	Geo. H. Bearden	Brice	..	5	1	..	11	12	..	1	90	....	77	W C Smith, Brice	1st		
Gadsden	Etowah	J. V. Dickinson	Geo S Vann	Gadsden	14	11	..	..	22	..	..	2	272	11	175	A E Goodhue, Gadsden	*		
Greenwood	Etowah	A. N. Mince	John Stowers	Keener	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	43	....	....	....	....		
Liberty Coosa	Etowah	H R Culbertson	EE HolPingsworth	Hoke's Bluff	15	9	..	..	16	4	..	..	174	....	....	....	4th		
Macdonia	Etowah	J. R Ramsey	L W Bramlett	Turkey Town	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	5	70	M J Hall, Turkey Town	4th		
Mt. Ararat	Etowah	A. J West	J H Lay	Rock Springs	..	3	7	..	11	..	..	..	50	....	....	....	2d		
Mt. Carmel	Etowah	H R Culbertson	Joe L Jones	Gadsden	12	7	11	..	26	..	..	1	163	8	45	....	....		
New Harmony	Etowah	S. R. McClung	J W Tingle	Crudup	11	..	3	..	7	..	..	1	60	....	....	....	2d		
Pilgrim's Rest	Etowah	J. E. Smith	J M Gray	Markton	18	1	..	4	20	2	..	1	159	....	....	....	....		
Pleasant Hill	Etowah	J. T. Aston	B S Smith	Littleton	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	36	....	....	....	3d		
Pleasant Valley	Etowah	W. Y. Adams	J W Swindall	Attalla	4	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	55	....	....	....	†		
Union No. 1	Etowah	J. A. May	H P Smith	Seaborn	10	..	..	..	19	..	..	1	101	....	....	....	2d		
Union No 2	Etowah	J. C. Buckner	W A Culbertson	Gallant	2	1	..	..	6	1	..	1	60	....	....	....	....		
Walnut Grove	Etowah	....	A J Phillips	Walnut Grove	..	8	1	..	17	1	..	..	142	....	....	J T Campbell, Walnut Grove	4th		
White's Chapel	Etowah	A. J. West	J P Stephens	Sonoma	9	..	11	1	9	..	..	..	80	....	....	E W Braddy, Gadsden	4th		
White Springs	Etowah	J. N. Belton	R R Veats	Gadsden	3	2	..	1	21	4	..	1	107	....	....	R R Yeats, Gadsden	4th		
Total		*			157	69	44	8	260	30	..	11	2084	44	416				

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